

Please do not stop XM Radio from providing traffic and weather information for large cities. This would not only be a disservice to the public in general but, especially to the trucking community. Most large cities only give the traffic and weather every 15 to 30 minutes and use local terms for the interstates in their town. A traveling motorist or truck driver does not know what the local names are for these interstate highways through large cities. XM Radio uses the proper names and numbers for these majors roads and interstates as well as useing city and town names for the weather not just the county. Truckers and the traveling motorist very rarely know what county they are in or around but, do have a good idea of the city and surrounding towns.

It should not effect in any large way the local radio stations for XM Radio to continue this service as most local listners are loyal to their local station of choice. The only stations that would be effected are the stations not offering a quality listening experience to their audience already. In such cases the listener will go to another station regardless of whether or not XM Radio offers this service or not.

This also becomes a safety issue with a traveling motorist and a truck driver who is not only distrated by trying to find a local station on the radio, instead of watching the road, but can very easily end up taking a wrong turn right into a traffic tie up or accident scene because they don't know the local terms for the interstates and major roads. As a truck driver I use this XM service to plan on when to or not to go into a city or which route to take into a city. I can get the traffic information hundreds of miles away if need be, well out of the range of the local stations broadcast abilities, and keep checking it all the way in. This helps a truck driver to not add to congested areas of a city, when possible, as well as know what to expect weather wise. If the weather is severe I know to shut down and have plenty of time to get my tractor trailer to a safe and appropriate place to park.

Please take this information into consideration before making a decision on this matter. Thank You for your time.